

**WASHINGTON SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF**  
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**  
**March 6, 2009**

*Board Members:* Allie Joiner (District #1)  
Pat Clothier (District #2)  
Gail Pollock (District #3)  
Nita Kamphuis (District #4)  
Rita Reandeau (District #6)  
Larry Swift (District #9)

*Absent:* Char Parsley (District #5)  
Ariele Belo (District #7)  
Sidney Weldele-Wallace (District #8)

*Legal Counsel:* Bonnie Terada

*Superintendent:* Rick Hauan

*Guests:* April Rounds, Human Resources Manager  
Jane Mulholland, Assistant Superintendent  
Lorana Myers, Federation representative  
Kris Rydecki, Director of Outreach  
Heidi Redford, PSO representative  
Chuck McCarthy, Director of Business Operations

*Recorder:* Judy Smith

*Interpreters:* Rosyln Ward, Don Coates

The meeting was called to order by Allie Joiner, Board Chair, at 9:04 a.m. It was determined that a quorum was present.

**Introduction of Guests**

- Courtleigh Guerci – D.E.A.F. (Deaf Education Advocates Foundation)
  - Community Foundation Award: \$10,000 (for Post High School Program curriculum)
  - With the “Grass Roots” grant from the Fred Meyer Foundation D.E.A.F. received a year ago Drina Simons was hired as a consultant. She has done an excellent job.
  - Murdock Foundation – A proposal was submitted last fall. March 25th is the deadline for submission of additional information. A decision will be announced on May 22, 2009.
  - Board members were encouraged to donate to D.E.A.F. as an additional way to support programs at WSD. (Brochure distributed).

- Deaf/oral/aural program – The Superintendent will be setting up a meeting with Listen & Talk to discuss a possible deaf/oral/aural program. The meeting is tentatively scheduled during the first full week in April
- **Arts Committee Meeting (March 5, 2009) (Allie Joiner)**
  - The Arts Committee met yesterday afternoon.
  - The work of 19 artists was reviewed. Jack Archibald, from Camino Island, Washington, was the top choice.
- **Jane Mulholland, Assistant Superintendent**
  - **MAP (Measures of Academic Performance) Training (February 25, 2009)**
    - SchoolMaster program syncs with the MAP system which will be very helpful.
    - All students (except seniors) will be tested in the areas of reading, math, and language. First testing will be right after spring break.
    - In the future, testing will be held in the fall and spring.
  - **ASL/English Bilingual Instructional Framework**
    - A meeting with the Academic staff was held to discuss this topic in depth.
    - The goal is to continue communication with staff and address any questions and concerns they have.
  - **D.E.A.F. donation to Post High School Program**
    - D.E.A.F. gave the PHSP a donation of \$1,365 to enhance the student apartments in Clarke Hall.
  - **Safety Plans**
    - Reviewing current safety documents to make sure they comply with all applicable laws. The Safety Plan Committee has discussed the possibility combining all documents into one. Members of the Safety Plan Committee are:
      - Jane Mulholland, Assistant Superintendent
      - Chuck McCarthy, Director of Business Operations
      - Donna Sorensen, Distance Learning Coordinator
      - Warren Pratt, Facilities Manager
- **April Rounds, Human Resources Manager**
  - Finishing up second and final interviews next week for the RN position.
  - Due to the economic climate, there are problems with union contracts recently negotiated. Both WPEA (Washington Public Employees Association) and Federation unions have submitted a “demand to bargain”. More information at the next meeting
  - WSD’s Food Service Manager is back from an extended medical leave. Welcome back Colleen!
  - Columbia Credit Union held several budget seminars for staff; particularly those that are on nine month pay

- The Superintendent reviewed ideas for the replacement of Section 34 (establishment of an advisory council) (handout)
- Suggestions from Board members include:
  - Hold stakeholders meetings across the state. Be sure to include individuals from local hospitals (early intervention) and deaf adults.
  - Timeline:
    - June 2010: All stakeholders meetings will be completed. Be sure timelines are clear.
    - June 30, 2010: 1<sup>st</sup> draft of the service delivery model report out for public comment
    - 90 days: Comment period
    - September 30, 2010: Final draft completed
    - December 2010: Final report to the legislature for their review
- The suggested changes to the bill could result in a much more efficient process.
- SB 5460 - Reducing the administrative cost of state government during the 2007-2009 and 2009-2011 fiscal biennia
  - Exemptions that have been approved:
    - Students flying in and out of the Portland International Airport (PDX).
    - Board of Trustees members flying in and out of PDX.
    - Going to Portland to pick up supplies and parts.
    - Two staff members to attend the California Education of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Conference in San Diego (March 13-25, 2009).
    - WSD will be asking for two more exemptions:
      - Staff to be able to fly in and out of PDX
      - Staff to be able to attend training in the Portland area.

#### **Branding Statement (Bill Newell, Principal)**

- WSD vehicles currently have "going the extra mile" on each side.
- The principal presented several ideas for branding statements. Ideas came from students, staff, and other Schools for the Deaf.
  - When the Board reviews the Mission Statement they will review this topic.
  - If 2SHB 1879 passes then a branding could be developed and decided on by the school's staff and students with input from the Board. Also, it is important to gain input from the WSDAA (Washington School for the Deaf Alumni Association) members.
  - The Principal will bring this topic to a future Leadership Team meeting for discussion.

#### **Executive Session**

The Executive Session was cancelled.